

## Message Text

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TAGS: EPAP, ETRD, IT, EEC  
SUBJECT: TEXTILE CUSTOMS VALUATION AND GOI AUTOMATIC IMPORT  
LICENSING SYSTEM

REF: A. STATE 154643, B. BRUSSELS 12095, C. ROME 8854

1. EMBASSY DELIVERED NOTE TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
(MFA) CONVEYING CONCERNS RE ITALIAN CUSTOMS VALUATION  
PRACTICES UNDER AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM  
(AIL), AS REQUESTED REFTEL A. MFA OFFICIAL HAD NO  
COMMENT SINCE OBVIOUSLY WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH TECHNICAL  
ASPECTS OF PROBLEM, BUT PROMISED TAKE UP MATTER WITH  
CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MINFIN).  
EMBOFF ALSO APPRISED DEL GIZZO, DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
CUSTOMS, MINFIN, OF OUR CONCERNS. HE PREFERRED NOT TO MAKE  
REJOINDER AT THIS STAGE, SAYING HE HAS MATTER UNDER STUDY.

2. REFTEL C CITED COMPLAINTS OF IMPORTERS RE TWO  
POINTS CAUSING CONCERN, NAMELY, 1) PRESENCE OF ITALIAN  
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TEXTILE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEE CHARGED  
WITH ESTABLISHING DUTIABLE VALUE, AND 2) UPLIFTING  
VALUES ON US-ORIGIN TEXTILES BY 10-30 PERCENT. HOWEVER,  
WHEN EMBOFF SOUGHT MORE SPECIFICS AND EXAMPLES  
FROM IMPORTERS, FREIGHT FORWARDERS, AND ASSOCIATION  
OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS, THESE SOURCES WERE RELUCTANT  
TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS COMPLAINANTS, AND SAID THAT

PROBLEM HAS BECOME LESS ACUTE WITH RESPECT TO US ORIGIN  
IMPORTS FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. SINCE TWO MONTHS AGO, WHEN ORIGINAL COMPLAINTS  
REPORTED, IMPORTERS HAVE HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS. SITUATION HAS IMPROVED  
BOTH IN REGARD TO INCIDENCE OF CASES AS WELL AS EXTENT  
OF OVER-VALUATION. WHEN PROBLEM OCCURS, OVER-VALUATION  
HAS DECLINED TO ABOUT 10-12 PERCENT WHICH IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED  
BY IMPORTERS RATHER THAN INCURRING FURTHER DELAYS AND  
COMPLICATIONS.

B. IMPORTERS AND DEALERS HAVE BEEN ABLE  
TO PLACE THEIR MEMBERS ON INDUSTRY COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH  
ESTABLISHED DUTIABLE VALUE, WHICH HAS MITIGTED INFLUENCE  
OF DOMESTIC INDUSTRY REPRS ON COMMITTEE.

3. CONSIDERING FOREGOING DEVELOPMENTS, INDUSTRY SOURCES  
UNWILLING TO CITE EXAMPLES BECAUSE THEY FEEL THEY  
HAVE FOUND "MODUS VIVENDI" WITH ITALIAN CUSTOMS.  
NEVERTHELESS, WE CONVEYED CONCERNS AS A MATTER OF  
PRINCIPLE, AND WE CONTINUE TO BE ALERT TO  
SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF ABUSE IN THIS REGARD.GARDNER

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